

HURRY!
WE CAN'T
HOLD OUT
FOR MUCH
LONGER!

DIS DAVE-12,
THERE ARE
TECHNICALS
ON THEIR
WAY. PLEASE
HOLD OUT
UNTIL THEY
ARRIVE.

DUB-4,
THIS IS
BIG DUKE-6.
WHERE
ARE THE
REINFORCE-
MENTS?

AGAINST THE NEUROI ADVANCING
TOWARD VANDAN WHICH APPEARED
OUT OF THE GREAT DESERT...

1969: VANDAN,
NEAR DONAPUPEA

DUB-4,
THIS IS
BAR-
PIKE-1.
WE'RE
CLOSE.

BARPIKE-1,
THIS IS
DUB-4.
PLEASE
HURRY
OVER TO
THEM.
THE
PATROLS
ARE IN
DANGER!

ROGER,
BIG
DUKE-6

THE FORCES OF VANDAN AND ITS SURROUNDING NATIONS
AS WELL AS THE UNITED STATES OF LIBERION
CONTINUED THEIR FIGHT TO DEFEAT THE NEUROI.

ALRIGHT,
LET'S
GET
THEM,
JOE!

HEAD
THAT?
NYAN-KUN,
IT'S DUB
TURN!

IT'S
MARKED.
THERE ARE
SOME
TEN CRYS
NEAR THE
RED STONE.
TIME ONE
OF THEM.

ROGER,
BAR-
PIKE-1.

DUB-4,
MARK
THE
TARGET.

IT'S BEEN OVER TEN YEARS
SINCE THE SECOND NEUROI WAR...

THE TIME IS NOW...

FOR
JETS AND
'ROCK 'N'
ROLL'!

SORRY
TO KEEP
YOU
WAITING,
DUB-4!
LEAVE IT
TO US
NOW!

Vanran Air Battle!

TAKANABA KOUHEI

OKAY,
JOE!

OKAY,
LET'S GO
NYAN-
KUN!

RED
SMOKE,
THAT
MUST
BE IT!

GET YOUR
HEADS
DOWN, OR
YOU'LL
BE HIT BY
STRAY
BULLETS!

HI-HO
SILVER!

YOU
VILLAINS!

HERE
COMES
THE LONE
RANGER!
SAY YOUR
PRAYERS!

HEY!
THAT'S
NOT FAN!
I WAS
SUPPOSED
TO BE
THE LONE
RANGER
TODAY!

AAA



HOW'S THAT!
YOU TIN
CANS!

I'VE
TURNED
THEM
ALL
INTO
SCRAP!



GOOD
JOB,
SADPAC-L!
THE
ENEMY'S
GETTING
DISOR-
GANISED.

WE'RE
SAVED!

KEEP
ATTACK-
ING
THE
LIKE
THAT.



AL-
RIGHT!



WE'RE
GOING
TO TRY
IMITATING
A
GUNSHIP.
THEY DON'T
SEEM TO
HAVE ANY
DECENT
ANTI-AIR
WEAPONS,
SO WHY
NOT?

SOUNDS
GOOD!
LET'S
DO IT!



POSED,
DUB-H.
WE'LL
CIRCLE
AROUND
THE
SMOKE
AND
CONTINUE
THE
ATTACK!



WHAT
ARE
YOU
GOING
TO DO,
SADPAC-L?

CIRCLE



NO, I THINK
THEY'RE
ATTACKING
WHILE
FLYING IN A
CIRCLE



ARE
THEY
MAKING
OUTIES?

HUH?
THEY'VE
STARTED
FLYING IN A
CIRCLE.



YEAH!
THAT'S
IT!

I'M ON
FIRE!
LET'S
KEEP
GOING
LIKE
THIS!



HUH?



SADPIKE-1,
YOU'RE
GOING TO
CRASH!
GET OUT OF
THE WAY!



AH!



I'M
OUT OF
AMMO

!

WATCH OUT!
YOU'RE
GOING TO
CRASH!

ASS
?!

WHA-

JOE
?!

NUH
!!

M
M
M
P
H
!!

OH
"MAYBE"
TEN

RETREAT!!

SHIT!
THEY'RE
FALLING
THIS
WAY!

THEY'RE
SO
STUPID

AND
THEY
CRASHED
...

SHE'S
PUMPING
ANOTHER
WITCH



YES, JOE!



HEY, NYAN-KUN



IF ONLY YOU DIDN'T GET STUCK UP MY ASS!

STUPID JOE!

DON'T YOU THINK WE DID A REALLY GOOD JOB TODAY?

HAHA
HAH!



WHAT? DIDN'T YOU AGREE TO FLYING IN A CIRCLE?

FIRST OF ALL, IT'S BECAUSE OF YOU I ALWAYS GET IN TROUBLE!

VANRAN IS A PLACE OF JUNGLES AND TROPICAL MONSOONS.

HUMANITY IS STILL FIGHTING.

THE TIME IS FOR JETS AND ROCK 'N' ROLL.



CHAPTER 06: VANRAN AIR BATTLE!

BY CRAYFISH (TAKANAGA KOUHEI)

CHAPTER 14: LIBERION'S LAST STAND

BY NIHO JIRO

AND NOW, A WORD FROM OUR TEAM'S CLEANER NEKO ARCUEID BRUNESTUD:

CHAPTER 06:

THOUGH I HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO 100% CONFIRM THE INFORMATION -INCLUDING BY USING MAPS IN THE STRIKE WITCHES GUIDE BOOKS-, I BELIEVE IT IS REASONABLE TO PRESUME THAT THIS STORY TAKES PLACE IN WHAT WOULD BE VIET-NAM. IF NOTHING ELSE; IT'S IN SOUTH-EAST ASIA. (LAOS, CAMBODIA, VIET-NAM.)

FOR ANYONE INTERESTED IN LOOKING SUCH THINGS UP WITH A SEARCH-ENGINE; THE AIR STRIKERS BEING USED ARE BASED ON THE F-4 PHANTOM II, AND THE OV-10 BRONCO. IT'S DIFFICULT TO TELL; BUT CONSIDERING THE PRESUMED ERA, AND THAT THE LAND-BATTLE WITCHES ARE ONLY USING SMALL-ARMS, IT IS LIKELY THE LAND-STRIKERS ARE BASED ON THE M-113 ARMORED PERSONEL CARRIER.

AND IN PAGE 029, THERE'S SOME SOLDIER SLANG: 'NUMBA' TEN,' = 'THE WORST,' WHICH MEANS 'NUMBA' ONE,' = 'THE BEST'.

CHAPTER 14:

OF THE THREE WITCHES IN THIS STORY; THE MEDICINE WOMAN/SHAMAN/HORSE-RIDING WITCH CHARACTER DOESN'T HAVE A NAME. HER WEAPON IS THE WINCHESTER MODEL 1873 LEVER-ACTION RIFLE IN 44-40CAL.

SECOND LIEUTENANT KATHERINE O'HARE IS BASED ON EDWARD O'HARE, AN AMERICAN FIGHTER PILOT FROM WW II. AND THE PERSON CHICAGO ILLINOIS FAMOUS AIRPORT IS NAMED AFTER. THOUGH O'HARE IS SHOWN FLYING AN AIR-STRIKER BASED ON THE F2A BUFFALO, HER NAMESAKE ALSO FLEW THE F4F WILDCAT, AND THE F6F HELLCAT. O'HARE'S WEAPON IS THE COLT ARMS SINGLE ACTION ARMY REVOLVER IN 44-40CAL.

ABOUT KATHERINE O'HARE; SHE IS KNOWN AS 'CRASHER O'HARE' BECAUSE OF ALL THE FRIENDLY STRIKERS SHE HAS DESTROYED IN VARIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES. SOME MIGHT EVEN CONSIDER HER TO BE A NEURO ACE BECAUSE SHE HAS DESTROYED SO MANY. IN ONE INCIDENT; SHE CRASH-LANDED ON THE USS LEXINGTON AND DESTROYED EIGHT STRIKERS, INCLUDING HER OWN. WHILE O'HARE SURVIVED WITHOUT A SCRATCH; SHE PUT SEVEN OTHER WITCHES INTO LEXINGTON'S SICK-BAY WITH VARIOUS INJURIES.

MAJOR JANE THATCH IS BASED ON JIMMY THATCH; ANOTHER AMERICAN FIGHTER PILOT FROM WW II. JANE IS NOT SHOWN USING A STRIKER OR A WEAPON, BUT HER NAMESAKE FLEW THE F4F WILDCAT, AND THE F6F HELLCAT DURING WW II.